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NOCCCD Board of Trustees Presented 2022 CAPED Community Recognition Award

Anaheim, Calif. – The California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED) presented the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) Board of Trustees with the Community Recognition Award at the CAPED President’s Dinner Reception, Awards, and Scholarships in Marina Del Rey, CA on October 24, 2022. A team of NOCCCD faculty and staff were in attendance to receive the award on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

The NOCCCD Board of Trustees received the Community Recognition Award for its work serving individuals with disabilities at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) beyond what is required from ADA, Section 504, and Title V since the 1970s. The NOCCCD Board of Trustees has supported and continues to support the development of programs that better meet the needs of students with intellectual disabilities (ID) and autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Each year, 600 to 700 students with ID and/or ASD enroll in noncredit college courses at the three NOCCCD campuses.

The NOCCCD Board of Trustees backed the development of several partnerships that led to DSS programs on its three campuses:

- **Department of Rehabilitation** – College to Career (C2C), Workability III (WAIII), and the new Sub-minimum Wage to Competitive Integrated Employment (SWTCIE) programs. These programs provide services such as educational coaching, counseling, and specialized instruction to support the inclusion of students with disabilities in higher education and

competitive, integrated employment. Workability supports the Ralph's Workforce Case Management collaboration and the Project Search Anaheim Kaiser partnership.

- **Regional Center of Orange County** – Independent Vocational and Educational Supports (IVES) program, which provides educational coaching to include students with disabilities in higher education, and the Work Independence Self-Advocacy Education (WISE) Cypress and Wilshire programs that provide college instruction to support individuals with moderate developmental disabilities.
- **Orange County Transportation Authority** – bus mobility training, including the previous Job Access Return Commute (JARC) grant and the new Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled (EMSD) grant.
- **California Adult Education Program** – student job development, educational coaching, and resources that are braided with other funding sources to support Academics Relationships Independence Self-Advocacy Emotional Health (ARISE) neurodiversity labs on the three NOCCCD campuses.

The CAPED Community Recognition Award is given to organizations who have a long track-record of exceptional service to individuals who have disabilities in higher education. The NOCCCD Board of Trustees has established a campus environment that empowers faculty and staff to develop programs that go beyond what is required by law, and that better support student success.

NOCCCD Background

Two of the state's premier colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Nearly 62,000 students enroll each term at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education. College students are able to shape their futures in programs leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an

array of vocational training and self-development courses. The NOCCCD campuses serve an area of over one million diverse people – each pursuing their own, unique ambitions.

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